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LETTER DATED 26 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government and further to my letter of 1 June 1995 (S/1995/441), I have the honour to inform you that United States Navy vessels on station in the Arabian Gulf are continuing to engage in acts of provocation against ships bound for Iraqi ports. At 1100 hours on 12 May 1995, after the pilot had boarded the tug Dunay when it arrived at the pilot station seeking to enter the Shatt al-Arab in order to take under tow one of the ships stranded there since 1980, a United States frigate intercepted the vessel and forced it to return to the inspection point. At 2100 hours it returned to the pilot station. At 1100 hours on 13 May the pilot conducted the vessel to Basra, where it dropped anchor close to the Iranian inspection point in order to submit to search. On 15 May, after the search had been completed, it weighed anchor at 0600 hours, headed for Basra and arrived at Abu al-Fulus at 1600 hours.

Such actions confirm the deliberate hostility of the United States Government towards Iraq, and its persistence in causing provocation in Iraq's territorial waters has the purpose of creating pretexts for the actions it seeks to take against Iraq.

I request you to intervene, as required by the responsibility entrusted to you under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to prevent any repetition of these unwarranted actions that do nothing to serve the cause of peace, security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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